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Dear Friend:

In order to truly serve the people they were elected to represent, legislators need to hear from their constituents about important issues affecting their lives. Personally contacting your elected representatives is one of the most effective ways to get involved in the political process.

This activity, commonly known as "lobbying," is all too often associated with paid professionals or Capitol "insiders." The most common form of lobbying, however, is undertaken by average citizens.

This booklet provides suggestions and basic tips on how to become an effective citizen lobbyist. By following these simple guidelines, you can make your communications more effective and help guarantee a more persuasive lobbying effort.

Please call or write me if you have any questions or concerns about a state matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Judy Chu

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001-02 REGULAR SESSION
ASSEMBLY BILL No. 2236

Introduced by Assembly Member Chu

February 20, 2002

An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 40) to Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2236, as introduced, Chu. Education: pupil rights.
Under existing law, every pupil has a right to a free and appropriate public education.
This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding that right.

This bill would also require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, school districts, and school employees to ensure various entitlements regarding education, as specified, thereby creating a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

READING AN ASSEMBLY BILL

INDICATES
HOUSE OF
ORIGIN

BILLS ARE
NUMBERED
SEQUENTIALLY
IN EACH HOUSE
OVER THE
TWO-YEAR
LEGISLATIVE
SESSION

AUTHOR AND
CO-AUTHORS OF
THE BILL

CALIFORNIA
CODE SECTIONS
AFFECTED

LEGISLATIVE
COUNSEL'S
SUMMARY OF
THE MEASURE,
FOLLOWED BY
THE TEXT OF THE
BILL